(d) During this year approximately 5000 plots are likely to be allotted in various categories to the registered applicants.

Crops damage due to Drought

461. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the damage to crops due to drought during the last three years in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the State-wise break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) State-wise information giving the extent of cropped area affected, as reported by the State Governments, due to drought during the years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 are given in the attached statement-I, II and II respectively.

Statement–I

Extent of Cropped Area Affected due to Drought During 1983-84

(*Area in lakh hectares*)

S.No.	States	cropped area affected
	Pre-Monsoon:	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38·00
2.	Bihar	44·17
3.	Gujarat	28·14
4.	Kerala	1·04
5	Karnataka	21·67
6.	Madhya Pradesh	30·00
7.	Maharashtra	22·84
8.	Orissa	37·82
9.	Rajasthan	68·12
10.	Tamil Nadu	38·26
11.	West Bengal	20·14
12.	Pondicherry	0·05
	TOTAL	350.25
	Post-Monsoon :	
1.	Uttar Pradesh	17·75
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0·03
3.	Sikkim	0·19
	TOTAL	17·97
	GRAND TOTAL:	368·22

Statement-II

Extent of cropped Area affected due to Drought during 1984-85

(*Area in lakh hectares*)

S.No.	States	Cropped area affected
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49.05
2.	Himachal Pradesh	1·98
3.	Karnataka	38·74
4.	Madhya Pradesh	52.45
5.	Maharashtra	83·93
6.	Orissa	13·83
7.	Rajasthan	40·32
8.	Uttar Pradesh	40·54
	TOTAL	320·84

Statement-III

Extent of cropped area affected due to Drought During 1985-86

(*Area in lakh hectares*

Sl.No.	States	Cropped area affected
1	2	3
	Pre-Monsoon :	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10·04
2.	Haryana	0·85
3.	Himachal Pradesh	3·41
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	1·31

1	2	3
5.	Karnataka . .	53·20
6.	Madhya Pradesh	14·95
7.	Maharashtra	58·88
8.	Punjab . .	0·40
9.	Uttar Pradesh	10·65
	TOTAL . . .	153·69
Post-Monsoon:		
1.	Andhra Pradesh . .	18·70
2.	Gujarat . . .	75·76
3.	Maharashtra . .	34·73
4.	Madhya Pradesh	15·00
5.	Karnataka . . .	44·24
6.	Rajasthan . . .	93·39
7.	Pondicherry . .	0·10
8.	Kerala . . .	0·18
	TOTAL . .	282·10
	GRAND TOTAL: . .	435·79

Damages due to floods

462. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that annual damage due to floods has been estimated at Rs. 626 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check this loss?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are:—

(Rs. in crores)

(i) Damage to crops	319
	89
(iii) Damage to public utilites	218
TOTAL	626

(c) All the aspects relating to flood control were gone into by the National Flood Commission (RBA), who gave various recommendations to check losses due to floods. These recommendations were commended in 1987 by the Government of India to the State Government for implementation. The Centre is also maintaining a network of flood forecasting stations which it is proposed to expand. Efforts are also being made to promote legislation on flood plain zoning to minimise flood losses.

उर्वरक का सुरक्षित भंडार

463. **श्री के० वासुदेव पनिकर**: क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में उर्वरक के उत्पादन और इसके आयात के कारण उर्वरकों का अम्बार लग गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1985, 1986 के दौरान तथा 1987 में अब तक उर्वरकों का कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार उर्वरकों का एक सुरक्षित भंडार रखना चाहती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में उर्वरक विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० प्रसु): (क) यह सच है कि 1986-87 के दौरान आयातों के साथ-साथ उच्च स्वदेशी उत्पादन तथा देश के अनेक भागों में प्रतिकूल मौसम परिस्थितियों के कारण कम उठान होने से 1.2.87 को उर्वरकों का भण्डार 1.2.1986 की अपेक्षा अधिक था।